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Department of Home

Foreigners & Citizenship Division

#### Order

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Whereas, a foreigner staying in India, or who has previously resided in India, applies for a Police Clearance Certificate for obtaining a visa/or for seeking employment in certain other countries, which require such certificates.

And whereas, as per visa manual, the powers to issue Police Clearance Certificate to such foreign nationals are vested in Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

And whereas, the powers to issue "Police Clearance Certificate to foreign nationals" were exercised by the State Government in pursuance to delegation of powers communicated vide Circular No. 348 and letter No. 25022/36-A/2005-FI dated 20-9-2005 by Foreigners Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

And whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs has introduced online Police Clearance

Certificate Module under the Immigration, Visa, Foreigner's Registration and Tracking (IVFRT) Project.

And whereas, as per the online Police Clearance Certificate Module, powers to approve/reject Police Clearance Certificate applications of foreign nationals is provided to the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer.

And whereas, a reference was made to Ministry of Home Affairs seeking clarification in the matter vide letter No. 2/1/2014/HD (F&CD)/46 dated 14-1-2016.

And whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide their letter No. 25022/54/2015-Imm dated 2-3-2016 has clarified that as per the Visa Manual Para 16.18, the powers to issue Police Clearance Certificate to foreigners residing in India, shall be exercised by the concerned FRRO/FRO as per the place of residence of foreign nationals in India.

Apropos to above, it is made known to all concerned that, the applications for Police Clearance Certificate by foreign nationals shall be processed by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Goa with effect from 1-4-2016.

It is also clarified that, in respect of all applications for Police Clearance Certificate received from foreign nationals up to 31-3-2016, in the Home Department (F&CD), the Police Clearance Certificate in such cases shall be issued by the Under Secretary (Home-I) through the existing manual process.

This issues with the approval of the Government.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

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Porvorim, 23rd March, 2016.

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